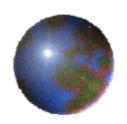


# Hawai'i Tourism Asia Quarterly Meeting





#### Korea



Hawai'i Tourism Korea (HTK) Office Opening (left to right):

J.P. Sho: Korea Representative HTK

**Emily Kim: Travel Trade Marketing Director HTK** 

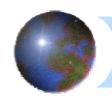
U.S. Chung: Chairman and CEO, KoreaTourism Association

W. S. Chung: Chairman, Korea Association of Travel Agents

Michael Merner: Managing Director, Hawai'i Tourism Asia

**Irene Lee: Public Relations Director HTK** 

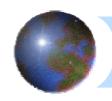




# Hawai'i Tourism Korea Market Update

- Trends for Hawai'i Tours:
  - Rapid recovery from SARS/Iraq/9/11 in first quarter of 2004 Bird Flu not a major factor
  - Many Koreans now seek "well-being" lifestyles, a concept based on pursuing 'health, happiness, and harmony.' Travel agents are developing more and more well-being themed tour packages
  - Golf is another fast growing niche market with the number of Korean golfers going abroad estimated at over 300,000 annually
  - Growth in Internet/FIT bookings



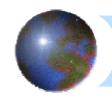


## Hawai'i Tourism Korea

## Major Activities

- HTK office open next to City Hall in the heart of Seoul
- Launched completely new Korean website at 'www.goHawai'i.or.kr'
- Internet event promotion with Naver, #1 search engine in Korea
- Luxury Wedding Fair -- joint Promotion with Lotte Department Store, #1 department store in Korea
- Nationwide Aloha Essay Contest
- Hawai'i Movie Premiere Night event
- Group media familiarization tour to Hawai'i

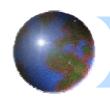




#### Hawai'i Tourism Korea

# Major PR Coverage

- Able to secure full page articles on Hawai'i in all 5 major daily newspapers after media fam
- 30-Page special editorial on Hawai'i by ABRoad, #1 consumer travel publication in Korea
- 10-Page editorial on Hawai'i by Travel and Leisure magazine, #1 luxury consumer travel publication
- Numerous articles on Hawai'i's participation in Luxury Wedding Fair, Hawai'i Premiere Movie Night, and other consumer/trade events (see above)
- HOT TREND: secured two top celebrity couples for Honeymoons in Hawai'i in May and July, with four prime-time network TV hours secured and \$2 million in advertising value



# Hawai'i Tourism Korea Coming Events/Projects

- On-going media coverage/travel trade mktg.
- Joint Promotion with Lucky Goldstar E-shop (Family Market Promotion) May  $1 \sim 31$
- Hawai'i Cultural Promotion with Hyundai
   Department Store June 1 ~ 6
- Aloha Dinner Party with Travel Trade June 2
- Korea World Travel Fair (KOTFA) June 3 ~ 6
- Travel Agent Fam Tour (subject to airline sponsorship) – September – only major plan change







#### China

Hawai'i Tourism China (HTC) Office Opening (left to right):

**Christine Li: Marketing Manager HTC** 

Michael Merner: Managing Director, Hawai'i Tourism Asia

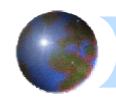
James Mayfield: Commercial Consul of U.S. Consulate

**Tina Yao: Public Relations Director HTC** 

Wang Xiangcai: Secretary-General, Shanghai Tourism Assoc.

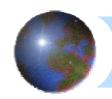
**Jane Dong: Consumer Promotion Manager HTC** 





# Hawai'i Tourism China Market Update

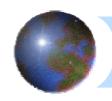
- Outbound travel from China at record levels well on target for fivefold increase in the next 5 years
- Unprecedented volume projected for May Holidays
- With Europe securing Approved Destination Status (ADS), heavy growth in European long-haul travel
- European carriers aggressively launching new flights
- Travel agents actively seeking new resort destinations -- Saipan, Kota Kinabalu etc.
- Agents very interested in Hawai'i, given high margins -- but visa constraints are well-known hurdle
- F.I.T travel becoming much more common



### Hawai'i Tourism China

## Major Activities

- HTC office open on People's Square in the heart of Shanghai
- Launched completely new Chinese website at www. goHawai'i.cn
- In-depth research of travel trade and media
- Participated in first World Travel Fair 2004 with the U.S. Consulate as the only U.S. destination
- Joint consumer promotions with high profile partners including CITIC Mall
- Monthly newsletters to travel trade, 2-4 releases per month to media
- Active database of 930 travel trade, 150 key media



# Hawai'i Tourism China Coming Events/Projects

- Travel agent and media fam to Hawai'i in June (Oahu and Maui)
- Support Hawai'i Week promotion with Xin Tian Di and DBEDT
- Golf promotion with travel agents and golf association
- Large-scale joint promotions with General Motors
- Development of first Hawai'i travel guidebook in Chinese
- Priority to increase airlift







#### **Taiwan**

Hawai'i Tourism Taiwan (HTT) Office Opening (Left to right):

Jemy See: Representative - Hawai'i Tourism Taiwan

Mei-Mei Wang: Chairwoman - Visit USA Committee

Michael D. Merner: Managing Director - Hawai'i Tourism Asia

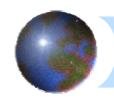
Yoichi Hayase: Strategy Director - Hawai'i Tourism Asia

Richard Craig: Commercial Officer - (US Consulate)

Alex Lei: Director - Hawai'i State Representative Office in Taiwan

Teresa Chang: PR & Marketing Manager, HTT

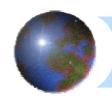




# Hawai'i Tourism Taiwan Market Update

- Outbound travel from Taiwan increased 7.23% in the first quarter over the same period last year
- Top destination is Mainland China with a total of 783,797, a market share of 48%
- Second largest destination is Japan with a total of 240,340 representing 14.4 % market share
- 82.9% of Taiwan outbound travel was to Asian destinations given low cost and short travel time
- Guam is emerging as tough competition for Hawai'i as it is visa free and promoted as a tropical island vacation in US territory much closer to Taiwan





# Hawai'i Tourism Taiwan

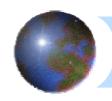
# Major Activities

- HTT office open next to Grand Hyatt and Taipei 101 in the heart of Taipei
- Launched completely new Taiwanese website at www. goHawai'i.org.tw



- In-depth research of travel trade and media
- Monthly newsletter to over 3,000 travel trade and media
- Hong Kong Media Tour to Hawai'i April 16-23





# Hawai'i Tourism Taiwan Major PR Coverage

- Extensive media coverage on TV, radio, newspaper, consumer publications, trade publications, and internet
- Major theme —securing low-cost collateral publication in top-quality publications with reprints:
  - MOOK Travel Magazine to exclusively feature only Hawai'i in its December issue known for total coverage of a single destination in each issue HTT to use special Hawai'i issue as reprints in 2005
  - AZ Travel Magazine visiting Hawai'i in June for special Hawai'i feature to be used separately as a brochure without extra charges for creative and writing





#### Hawai'i Tourism Taiwan

# Coming Events/Projects

- Promotion in Hong Kong May 8-11 -- UAL FOC roundtrip air tickets for Hula Dancers, negotiated free hotel accommodations
- Kaohsiung Travel Fair May 13-16 organized by Kaohsiung Association of Travel Agents – first participation by Hawai'i, comp air from China Air
- Hawai'ian Festival with gala dinner May 13, lunch and dinner shows May 14-16, with comp meals/ accommodations, press conference
- Taipei Hawai'ian Festival with lunch and dinner shows May 17-23, comp meals, hotel, conference
- UAL, China Airlines, Grand Hotel, Kona Coffee all sponsor



#### Hawai'i Tourism Asia

## Summary

- Incredibly fast growth in outbound travel
- Visa/ADS status remains major issue for Hawai'i
- Primary focus is to secure media coverage and raise visibility of Hawai'i as a destination in Asia
  - Monthly media trips
  - 6-8 press releases per month across Asia
  - Monthly media newsletter
  - Tie-up media campaigns on-going
- Secondary focus is travel trade marketing to educate and motivate the travel trade to sell Hawai'i
  - Workshops, trade fairs, daily sales calls in 3 countries,
     3 monthly newsletters
- Tertiary focus is on consumer promotions given huge populations and territory, reach consumers via the travel trade & media



# Mahalo!

